

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-50, drawn to a thermal chemical vapor deposition process, classified in class 427, subclass 255.6.
- II. Claims 51-59, drawn to a multi-layered film, classified in class 428, subclass 220.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case the product as claimed can be made by a materially different process such as laminating (i.e. adhering) a Si-containing film onto the substrate.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

During a telephone conversation with Joseph J. Mallon on March 28, 2002 a provisional election was made with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-50. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action. Claims 51-59 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.